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OF

LEGISLATORS

AND

STATE OFFICERS

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NINTH DISTRICT.

Counties.—Lamar, Fannin and Delta.

SENATOR CHARLES D. GRACE was born in Georgia, and has been a citizen of Texas for nine years. He is thirty-four years old, tall, of dark complexion, handsome, agreeable in his manners, and a devoted admirer of the ladies; in fact, so much their general admirer that he has never yet been able to concentrate his affections upon one, and therefore has remained single. He is a gentleman of accomplishments and refinement, and a lawyer of excellent standing. He resides at Bonham, in Fannin county; was mayor of that place in 1872 and 1873, in which capacity he deported himself with much credit. In politics Mr. Grace

may be regarded as a "hard shell" Democrat. In the late canvass he was opposed, before the action of the district convention, by a number of aspirants for legislative honors, among whom were ex-member of the Legislature and delegate in the Constitutional Convention, J. L. German, ex-member of the Legislature A. J. Nicholson, and a very worthy gentleman, Dr. W. E. Daily; and, though opposed by this strong array of men, some of them experienced in politics, he was the choice by flattering odds of his district for the State Senatorship. Not only this, but no one felt any desire or willingness to enter the field in opposition to Mr. Grace, and he was elected by the unanimous vote of his people. In the Senate he is a bold debater, belongs to about a dozen committees, and is chairman of that on Military Affairs.